





in that both the play back software and the contents file can incorporate user IDs, in addition to the client IDs, and the play back software permits the play back of the contents file only when the client ID and user ID thereof agree with the client ID and user ID incorporated in the contents file, respectively.

6. A recording medium that has recorded play back software for playing back a contents file according to claim 4 or 5, characterized in that when the contents file is not played back, the recording medium displays a function such as a clock, or the like other than the contents file; and when a cursor is put on the display of the function, the display is changed to a display in a mode which is different depending upon whether or not a particular contents file is down loaded.